

COUNTRY ~~Reston~~ Approved For Release 2003/08/06 : CIA-RDP82-00457R013800270004-0TOPIC ~~Morseburg Airfield~~

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☐ 1. Flying observed at Morseburg airfield between 3 and 19 July 1952 included:

Date	Observations Made
3 July	Between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m., there was air activity in good weather.
4 "	Between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to mid-night air activity was in progress.
5 "	No flying was observed between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. although the weather was favorable.
6 "	No flying.
7 "	Only night flying between 8:15 p.m. and 3 a.m.
8 "	Continuous day and night flying from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. in very good weather.
9 "	Flying between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and between 8 and 10 p.m. At nightfall <input type="text"/> four MiG-15s. *
10 "	Flying between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
11 "	Flying between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 8:30 and 10 p.m.
12 "	Flying between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
15 "	A type-29 <input type="text"/> took off at 9:30 a.m. and landed at 10:05 a.m. * No more flying activity was observed. *
16 "	No flying activity.

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Date	Observations Made
17 July	Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., only local flying in clear weather. Twenty-eight MiG-15s were counted at the field.
18 "	Between 5:30 and 6 a.m., an element of two MiG-15s was aloft in rainy weather.
19 "	Between 5 and 5:15 a.m., 27 MiG-15s took off and assembled in seven wedge formations. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual take-offs and local flights were made. Twenty-eight MiG-15s were counted at the field.
Between 3 and 12 July	Only individual and local flights were made. [redacted] the planes immediately took off when touching ground for a landing.
Between 13 and 19 July	There was no flying at night.

2. During the night flying, truck [redacted] mounting a searchlight about 1.5 meters in diameter, was parked at the radio installation. The operating personnel wore black-bordered blue epauletts. A low wooden building, 4 x 8 meters, was erected near the radio installation. It was guarded by two watchdogs on long leashes.

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4. Flying was observed at the airfield every day after 12 July. About 6 a.m. on 19 July, formation flying was practiced by several formations of MiG-15s. On 23 July, there was night flying by MiG-15s. In the afternoon of 25 July, a plane made local flights. No flying was observed between 21 and 27 July.

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5. Between 17 and 22 July, about 30 MiG-15s, [redacted] were parked at the field. [redacted]

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*** Comment. The report confirms previous information on the aircraft strength and training status of the fighter regiment in Mersburg which was activated in December 1951. The information [redacted] that 27 MiG-15s practiced formation flying on 19 July indicates that the status of training has progressed. From the observations made between 3 and 12 July, it appears that the field is occupied by beginners as well as experienced crews.

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